

# Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 30th November, 2022.

**Present:** Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Martin Gray, Fiona Adamson, Sarah Bowman - Abouna, Jon Carling, David Gallagher, Dominic Gardner, Hilton Heslop (Sub for Julie Gillon), Peter Smith

**Officers:** Michael Henderson, Tanja Braun

**Also in attendance:** Melanie John-Ross (Children Safeguarding Independent Chair), Darren Best (Adults Safeguarding Independent Chair), Peter Rooney, Alex Sinclair (ICB)

**Apologies:** Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Julie Gillon, Jonathan Slade, Ann Workman,

## **HWB Declarations of Interest**

**36/22**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **HWB Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2022**

**37/22**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **HWB North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership 38/22 Draft Integrated Care Strategy**

The Board was presented with the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership's Draft Integrated Care Strategy.

Members noted that the strategy had already been through significant consultation and, as a result of this, changes were planned. The Integrated Care Board was also keen to take the opportunity of receiving feedback from the Board.

The specific comments Board highlight could be grouped into the following themes:

1. Focus and content of the strategy
2. The need for partnership
3. Delivery
4. Specific themes

Strategic content

- The Strategy was at such a high level that it was difficult to understand delivery, resource flow, what decisions might be and how it would actually fit with Stockton on Tees and Tees Valley. The difficulties of writing such a strategy, at a regional level, and trying to capture multiple issues and views, was recognised but this approach has resulted in a document that didn't have sufficient relevance, at a local level.

- The lack of reference to Children and Young People, at the front of the

strategy was a major gap. If Partners were to make a realistic attempt at improving the health and wellbeing of their communities, then CYP needed to be a key part of the strategy. The Core 20Plus5 approach was clinically focused and would not, on its own, address issues about health inequalities across a geographical area and reflected the NHS focus of the strategy, as a whole. Adding the CYP to the Core 20 Plus5 approach would not assist, given the inherent drawbacks of the model.

### Partnership

- The strategy referred to equal partnership between local authority and health but there was no detail on how this would be achieved. It was also noted that given the importance of the document, in driving forward the ambitions of partners across the region, it was disappointing that timescales associated with it had been so tight and had prevented sufficient engagement and co-production opportunities. This had led to a strategy with some fundamental flaws.
- References to working with the VCSE were welcomed and more detail of how this could be achieved would be needed, perhaps in due course.

### Delivery

- Whilst the broad principles of the strategy were welcomed, members commented on the more significant challenges to come around delivery, including:
  - o Having sufficient resources to deliver real change;
  - o How resources are moved around the system to reach communities in most need.
  - o How we address ongoing and seemingly intractable issues around data sharing.
  - o How difficult decisions such as organisational change around hospitals, for example, would be managed, and where decision making would rest
  - o An ask to reconsider targets to ensure they were realistic and deliverable e.g. on healthy life expectancy.
  - o Join up between the regional strategy, sub regional working and place-based working and especially how this would lead to change on the ground.

### Priority themes and focus

The Board welcomed the focus on smoking cessation and was keen not to lose sight of the issues around vaping. It was also felt that there were other areas to focus on such as alcohol, and also felt that the specific focus on suicide, as a key measure, whilst important, did not perhaps place enough emphasis on to the impact on life expectancy and healthy life expectancy of issues such as substance misuse, mental health and wellbeing, tobacco, alcohol and those with multiple and complex needs.

Board members also felt that bullet point commitments, for mental health, were very specific and did not adequately reflect the narrative provided in the preceding paragraphs, which described much broader and ambitious plans for mental health. This should be reviewed to ensure the full intentions of the

strategy, in this area, were fully understood.

RESOLVED that:

1. the draft Integrated Care Strategy be noted.
2. the Chair writes to the Integrated Care Board providing details of the Board's feedback, as described above.

**HWB 39/22 Hartlepool and Stockton-On-Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2021 -22**

Melanie John-Ross, Independent Chair of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Children Partnership was in attendance to present the Partnership's Annual Report 2021-2022.

The Board noted the Partnership's priorities:

- Partnership effectiveness, governance and engagement
- Domestic Abuse
- Contextual Safeguarding
- Learning from reviews and best practice

Details of the work that had been undertaken in the priority areas and what impact there had been, was provided.

It was explained that during the current year, 2022 – 23, Neglect was the key priority, with three key areas:

- Evidencing the Child's Lived Experience
- Assessing and Intervening with Neglect – Understanding and responding to the impact of neglect
- Communication and Engagement

Members noted that there was a commitment to strengthening links between the Children Safeguarding Partnership and Adults Safeguarding Board to ensure synergy, avoid duplication and facilitate joint working, where appropriate.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report be noted.

**HWB 40/22 Tees-Wide Adult Safeguarding Board – Annual Report 21/22 and Strategic Business Plan 22/23**

Darren Best, Independent Chair of the Teeswide Adult Safeguarding Board was in attendance, to present the Safeguarding Board's Annual Report 2021/22 and Strategic Business Plan 2022 – 2025.

Members were provided with safeguarding data, priorities, training and reviews during 2021/22.

The Strategic Business Plan detailed the Safeguarding Board's Priorities 2022 – 2025:-

- Joint Working – A whole system approach
- People – Well trained workforce
- Communication
- Services

Details of work to achieve the priorities was provided, together with assurance methods and intended impact and outcomes.

Discussion and key points:-

- Safeguarding issues were increasing and becoming more of a focus for public services, including Council's and the Police. All services had the problem of diminishing resources whilst needing to deal with increases in demand and complexity.
- Data in the report, relating to concerns and section 42 enquiries, suggested that the trend in Stockton on Tees was reducing, which was contrary to the trend in the Tees Valley and nationally. It was explained that, within Stockton on Tees, there had been a change in recording systems that was likely to have affected the data slightly.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report and Strategic Business Plan be noted.

#### **HWB Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022 - 2027**

**41/22**

The Board was provided with the draft Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022 - 2028

Discussion and key points: -

- The Domestic Abuse Strategy Action Plan was likely to include work around raising awareness of domestic abuse with employers; potentially linked to the Better Health at Work Award.
- The Strategy included a priority relating to perpetrators, but it was suggested that stopping repeat offending should be specifically referenced as a key priority, particularly given the drain on resources and the effect on victim-survivors, that it represented.
- Quality data, that was fit for the purpose, would be important in measuring the impact on the strategic outcomes. It was considered essential that data provided a collective local picture that was agreed by all organisations, working across the system. Where outcomes were not improving there would need to be a deep dive into relevant data to understand what was going on. The high-level priority 5 should reflect this.
- The strategy recognised that individuals may have multiple needs but it ensured specialist support would continue to be available.

RESOLVED that the Domestic Abuse Strategy be approved, subject to necessary amendments being made, relating to repeat offending and sharing and use of data/intelligence.

**HWB  
42/22**      **Healthwatch Annual Report 2021 - 2022**

Consideration was given to the Healthwatch Annual Report 2021 – 2022.

Discussion and key points: -

- Members noted the help Healthwatch had provided to TEWV in terms of understanding population health needs across Tees Valley. Within Stockton on Tees, as part of developing the Community Mental Health Framework, Healthwatch had been key in reaching communities, which had not traditionally accessed mental health services.

- The ICB also referenced the important insight, into communities, that Healthwatch had been able to facilitate, for its predecessor, the CCG.

RESOLVED the report and discussion be noted.

**HWB  
43/22**      **Members' Updates**

North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust and South Tees Foundation Trust were looking to strengthen working links between each other and a consultation process was in progress.

Stockton on Tees Borough Council Social Workers had received two silver awards at the Annual Social Worker Awards.

**HWB  
44/22**      **Forward Plan**

The Board noted the Forward Plan